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# H. R. 2949

To establish the Augusta Canal National Heritage Corridor in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress finds that:

5               (1) The Augusta Canal National Historic Land-  
6       mark in the State of Georgia, listed on the National  
7       Register of Historic Places, is one of the last un-  
8       spoiled and undeveloped areas in the State of Geor-  
9       gia and has remained largely intact, including excel-  
10      lent water quality, beautiful rural landscapes,

1 architecturally significant mill structures and mill  
2 villages, and large acreage of parks and other per-  
3 manent open space.

4 (2) The beautiful rural landscapes, scenic vistas  
5 and excellent water quality of the Augusta Canal  
6 contain significant undeveloped recreational opportu-  
7 nities for people throughout the United States.

8 (3) The existing mill sites and other structures  
9 throughout the Augusta Canal were instrumental in  
10 the development of the cotton textile industry in the  
11 south.

12 (4) Several significant sites associated with Na-  
13 tive Americans, the American Revolution, and Afri-  
14 can Americans are located within the area.

15 (5) Many local, regional and State agencies,  
16 businesses, and private citizens have expressed an  
17 overwhelming desire to combine forces to work coop-  
18 eratively to preserve and enhance resources region-  
19 wide and better plan for the future.

20 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

21 It is the purpose of this Act to provide a management  
22 framework to assist the State of Georgia, its units of local  
23 and regional government, and citizens in the development  
24 and implementation of integrated cultural, historical, and  
25 recreational land resource management programs in order

1 to retain, enhance, and interpret the significant features  
2 of the lands, water, and structures of the Augusta Canal  
3 in the State of Georgia.

4 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF AUGUSTA CANAL NATIONAL**  
5 **HERITAGE CORRIDOR; PURPOSE.**

6 There is hereby established in the State of Georgia  
7 the Augusta Canal National Heritage Corridor (hereafter  
8 in this Act referred to as the “Corridor”). The Corridor  
9 shall consist of that area in the State of Georgia known  
10 as the Augusta Canal, as generally depicted on the map  
11 entitled “The Augusta Canal Master Plan” and dated  
12 March 5, 1993, which shall be on file and available for  
13 public inspection in the Office of the Director of the Na-  
14 tional Park Service.

15 **SEC. 4. MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

16 (a) PREPARATION OF PLAN.—Within 1 year after the  
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Augusta Canal Author-  
18 ity shall submit a management plan to the Secretary of  
19 the Interior (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-  
20 retary”) for his review and concurrence. The Plan shall  
21 be based on existing Federal, State, and local plans, and  
22 shall coordinate those plans and present an integrated  
23 plan for the protection, enhancement and interpretation  
24 of the Corridor’s cultural, natural, scenic and recreational

1 resources. The Secretary is authorized to provide technical  
2 assistance in the preparation of the Plan.

3 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Upon concurrence with the  
4 Plan, the Secretary is authorized to enter into cooperative  
5 agreements with the State of Georgia, the Augusta Canal  
6 Authority or other political subdivisions thereof, or with  
7 any person or organization to provide technical assistance  
8 in the protection, enhancement and interpretation of the  
9 resources identified in the Plan.

10 **SEC. 5. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

11 Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activi-  
12 ties directly affecting the Corridor shall—

13 (1) consult with the Secretary and the Augusta  
14 Canal Authority with respect to such activities;

15 (2) cooperate with the Secretary and the Au-  
16 gusta Canal Authority with respect to such activities  
17 and, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate  
18 such activities; and

19 (3) to the maximum extent practicable, conduct  
20 or support such activities in a manner which the  
21 Secretary and Augusta Canal Authority determines  
22 will not have an adverse effect on the Corridor.

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